SLUM CLEARANCE IN BANGALORE CITY.

*Q—373. Sri V. P. DEENADAYALU NAIDU (Cubbonpet).

Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(a) the amount allotted for Slum Clearance during the Second Five-Year Plan for the City of Bangalore;

(b) the amount drawn and the amount spent and earmarked;

(c) the amount of interest that has accrued to be paid on this account;

(d) the effort made by the Government to switch on the amounts so earmarked for alternative schemes and buildings?

Sri B. D. JATTI (Chief Minister) [on behalf of Sri T. SUBRAMANYA (Minister for Development and Local Self-Government)].—

(a) No specific amount as such in the Second Plan period has been made for Bangalore Slum Clearance Scheme.

(b) A sum of Rs- 4,25,000 under Loan, and Rs. 4 lakhs under Subsidy until now, out of which the Corporation hos spent Rs. 1,75,000 till the end of January 1961.

(c) It is too early to note the exact amount of interest payable on the loan drawn by the Corporation.

(d) The amounts earmarked cannot be switched on for alternative schemes and buildings.

Sri V. P. DEENADAYALU NAIDU.—Is it no a fact that doring the Second Plan period, the Government of Mysore have given a sum of forty lakhs under the slum clearance programme for Corporation of Banglore?

†Sri B. D. JATTI.—Yes. Government has given to the Corporation of Bangalore certain amounts.

Sri V.P. DEENADAYALU NAIDU.—I specifically put the figure at forty lakhs, because the amounts given here is somewhere at Rs. 8,25,000. I am putting it specifically—is it not that the amount is 40 lakhs and not 8, 25,000 as given here?

Sri B. D. JATTI.—The Corporation have so far drawn only four lakhs, Sir.

Sri V. P. DEENADAYALU NAIDU.—Has not the Government found it necessary to switch on to alternative schemes rather than confining these grants to particular and specific schemes. Has it come to the notice of the Government the necessity of having alternative schemes of utilising the funds allotted to one scheme to the other?

Sri B. D. JATTI.—It is up to the Corporation to utilise the money. The only point is that monies which are given should be utilised for slum clearance and not for any other purpose.

Sri V. P. DEENADAYALU NAIDU.—Under slum clearance only–I mean the money allotted for one scheme to be utilised for another scheme.

Sri B. D. JATTI.—It is up to the Corporation. Government will provide money according to slum clearence schemes and it is up to the Corporation to select which is better and easier.

Sri V. P. DEENADAYALU NAIDU.—The delay in spending this amount in fact, I be allowed to say is on account of this. This is the reason. When once it is sanctioned for a particular scheme, if you are not able to utilise the money for that scheme, option is not given to the Corporation to switch on another slum clearance scheme. Has the state Government taken the liberty of spending it for another scheme? Has the State Government pressed the Centre to give it that liberty ?

Sri B. D. JATTI.—According to my information, we have not mentioned any thing to the Government of Inida. If there are alternative schemes and if they can be completed early, that will be looked into.

Sri C. K. RAJAIAH SHETTY.—What are the impediments in the way of spending the amounts? You have spent only Rs. 1,75,000. What exactly it the trouble?

Sri B. D. JATTI.—There is no trouble. Government will provide monies and if the Corporation does not spend it, we will have to ask them to spend it.

Sri C. K. RAJAIAH SHETTY.—Is it not a fact there is trouble in the process of acquisition and therefore the money is not spent?

Sri B. D. JATTI.—No Sir.

Sri L. S. VENKAJI RAO.—Is it not a fact that the Slum Clearance Act was passed very recently?

Sri B. D. JATTI.—That is true Sir. But whatever money was given under the schemes, that amount ought to have been spent.

REPAIRS TO THE DAVANKERE TANK AT BIRUR.

*Q—381 Sri D. H. RUDRAPPA (Birur).—

Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether they are aware that the Davankere Tank at Birur is in a very bad condition;

(*b*) the number of times it has been inspected by the Chief Engineer from the last three years;

(*c*) whether they have prepared any estimate and plan to strengthen the bunds, etc., and if so, what is the total estimated cost;

(*d*) the reasons for the delay in taking up the work considering all the points in view?